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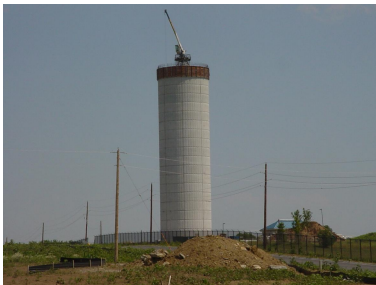
## Looking for a Convenient Way to Pay Your Utility Bill?

The City of Gardner offers a convenient and quick way to access account history and pay your utility bill online on your schedule, day or night. Customers can obtain billing information by registering their utility account number and using their PIN, a Personal Identification Number they receive from the Finance Department. The City's web page walks you through registration. Registration is only for customers who want access to their account over the computer. This service is free of charge.



Visit the City's website for more information about this service at:  
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## Kill Creek Water Tower Update



The Kill Creek Water Tower and Waterline Extension, which is located at 159th and Kill Creek Dr., is nearing 50% completion. The new water tower will be 190 feet tall and approximately 70 feet of this new storage tower has been constructed. The new tower will primarily service the northwest portion of Gardner. The City plans to have the new Kill Creek Water Storage Tower in service in summer, 2007. The new water tower will increase water storage capacity and improve water pressure for the community. A water line extension to the new tower will begin later this summer and will run from Killcreek Drive, along 159th Street, to Gardner Road. This water line loops the new water tower, with the rest of the City's water system, providing for good circulation in the system.

## Odd/Even Watering is Still Needed

The City of Gardner appreciates the cooperation of its Citizen regarding the use of the odd/even watering system; i.e. even numbered houses water on even days and odd numbered houses water on odd days - before 10:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m. This plan helps stabilize peak water demands on the system, while making better use of available resources and reducing the need for costly future system expansions. The reason we are asking for your cooperation, is the Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant Expansion was scheduled to be online on June 1st, however the contractor is working on fine-tuning balance issues in the system. Plans are to have this plant online as soon as possible.



## Energy Conservation - Tips for Everyone



Did you realize that up to 45% of your home or business energy costs are heating and cooling? Especially in the summer months when the outdoor temperature rises, our immediate reaction is to effectively cool our homes by drastically lowering the thermostat. While maintaining conservative thermostat levels for one's air conditioner is one of the most effective ways to conserve energy during the summer months, there are also several other tips that can lead to better summer energy conservation.

### Tips for Summer Energy Conservation:

- Set thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill.
- Consider an interior fan in conjunction with your window or HVAC air conditioner to spread cooler air more effectively throughout your home or business without greatly increasing your energy use.
- Install white window shades, drapes or blinds to reflect the heat away from your home or business.
- Close curtains on south or west-facing windows during the day.
- Apply sun-control or other reflective films on south-facing windows to reduce solar gain.

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### 5th Annual Gardner Prairie Punisher Duathlon & 5k — July 29th @ 7 a.m.

The Gardner Parks & Recreation Prairie Punisher Duathlon consists of a 5k run, a 30k bike ride, followed by a 5k run. A 5k run, as well as a 5k walk, will be held in conjunction with the Duathlon. This event is USAT certified and will be held at the Gardner Edgerton High School located at 425 N. Waverly on Saturday, July 29, 2006. Start time is 7:00 a.m.

### Rules:

1. An entrant may not transfer his/her entry. Substitutes will not be allowed to participate.
2. A helmet must be worn during the bike segment.
3. No drafting allowed.
4. A complete set of rules, maps and directions will be mailed to all entries received by July 21, 2006.
5. All entrants must be checked in between 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2006.

### Entry Fees:

<u>Postmarked By</u>	<u>7/14</u>	<u>After 7/14</u>	<u>Race Day</u>
Individuals	\$35	\$45	\$55
Teams	\$45	\$55	\$65
5k Run	\$12	\$15	\$20
5k Walk	\$10	\$12	\$15



For more information on this event and to register online, please visit  
[www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/athletic-duathlon.php](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/athletic-duathlon.php)